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1. UPON RECEIPT REFTTEL, WE ASKED KUEHN IN ECON MIN WHETHER FRG REP'S STATEMENT AT MAY 7 ECONADS MEETING ACCURATELY REFLECTED FRG VIEWS. WE NOTED THAT PRIVATE EXPERTS APPARENTLY SUCCEEDED IN REACHING COMPROMISE AT MUNICH MEETINGS, AND EXPRESSED DOUBTS THAT GOVERNMENTAL INTERVENTION AT THIS POINT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE OR USEFUL.

2. KUEHN SAID HE HAD BEEN SURPRISED BY TONE OF FRG STATEMENT AT ECONADS, AND PROMISED TO LOOK INTO IT. AFTER BRIEF INTERVAL HE CALLED US BACK TO EXPLAIN THAT AN APPARENT BREAK-DOWN IN COMMUNICATIONS HAD OCCURRED, AND THAT NEITHER THE DEFENSE MINISTRY NOR THE FRG REPRESENTATIVES TO NATO HAD BEEN INFORMED BY THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY THAT THE MUNICH MEETING HAD RESULTED IN SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME FROM FRG POINT OF

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VIEW. KUEHN THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE THAT DEFENSE

MINISTRY COULD HAVE CONFLICTING VIEWS, BUT DOUBTED
THAT THESE WOULD OVERRIDE THOSE OF ECON MIN. IN
SHORT, KUEHN LAID PROBLEM TO A LITTLE TROP DE ZELE,
AND ASSURED US THAT FRG REP WOULD BE INSTRUCTED IN
COURSE OF THIS WEEK TO CEASE DEMANDING USG
INTERVENTION IN THIS STANDARDS QUESTION.
HILLENBRAND

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